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Sir:


The Notification of Missing Requirements mailed May 19, 2006 indicates that the current translation of the application into English is defective because the number of claims in the International application and the number of claims in the translation are not the same. However, both the International application and the translation have 5 claims. The number of claims in the translation is somewhat obscured because claim 5 starts immediately at the end of claim 4 instead of starting claim 5 as a separate paragraph. That is, please note that claim 5 starts midway through line 19 on page 14 of the translation.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the current translation of the application into English is not defective.

A processing fee of \$130.00 should not be required. Furthermore, the filing date accorded the application should be February 6, 2006, which is the date the executed Declaration was filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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